

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-52 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 26, 32, 33 and 44 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 6, 13-16, 31, 37-40 and 49 have been canceled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 10, 22-28, 35-36, 41, and 42-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chebil. The Examiner rejected claims 4-5, 29-30, and 47-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chebil in view of Morihara et al. The Examiner rejected claims 6-9, 11-14, 31-34, 37-38, and 49-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chebil in view of Laczko et al.

The Examiner also objected to claims 15-21 and claims 39-40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated they would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include substantially all the limitations of claims 6, 13 and 15 and Claim 26 to include substantially all the limitations of claims 31, 37 and 39. Applicant has also cancelled claims 6, 7, 13-16, 31, 37-40 and 49.

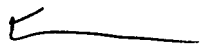
In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been obviated and Claims 1-5, 8-12, 17-30, 32-36, 41-48 and 50-52 are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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